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Jobless rates down in 84 counties from December 2009 to December 2010

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EDITOR'S NOTE: December's preliminary and November's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at http://workforce.ky.gov/Dec10charts.pdf. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates fell in 84 Kentucky counties between December 2009 and December 2010, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette and Woodford counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the Commonwealth at 7.5 percent each. They were followed by Oldham County, 7.9 percent; Hopkins, Madison and Warren counties, 8.2 percent each; Franklin County, 8.3 percent; Calloway County, 8.4 percent; and Caldwell, Carlisle, Jessamine, Rowan and Shelby counties, 8.5 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 18.8 percent. It was followed by Menifee County, 18.3 percent; Jackson County, 17 percent; Lewis County, 15.4 percent; McCreary County, 15.2 percent; Wolfe County, 14.8 percent; Bath County, 14.3 percent; Morgan and Powell counties, 14.2 percent each; and Clay County, 13.8 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and

unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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